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SUBJECT: FRG AND THE CYPRUS CONSPIRACY

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1. DCM MET WITH FRG CHARGE VON GRAEVENITZ JULY 19 TO DISCUSS
REACTIONS TO THE DEPORTATION OF FORMER DIPLOMAT KURBJUHN AND
SUBSEQUENT EVENTS. VON GRAEVENITZ SAID FRG WAS TROUBLED BY
THREE ASPECTS OF RECENT ALLEGATIONS:

A. GOC GAVE NO EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT DECLARATION OF
KURBJUHN AS "UNDESIRABLE ALIEN." EVEN SUBSEQUENT PAPER ABOUT
KURBJUHN'S ALLEGED ACTIVITIES AT LARNACA FEBRUARY 18-19, 1978
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DID NOT SAY KURBJUHN HAD BEEN ENGAGED IN ANY ILLEGAL ACT.

B. FRG EMBASSY BELIEVED KURBJUHN WAS NOT AT
LARNACA ON FEBRUARY 18-19.

C. GOC SPOKESMAN DID NOT IMPLICATE FRANZ JOSEPH
STRAUSS BUT HE ALSO TOOK NO ACTION TO CLARIFY THAT

STRAUSS WAS NOT CONNECTED WITH ANY "PLOT."

2. VON GRAEVENITZ HAD BEEN TAKEN ABACK ON JULY 18 WHEN PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU HAD REFUSED TO ACCEPT A FORMAL DEMARCHE. FRG FOREIGN MINISTRY, HOWEVER, HAD INDICATED THAT NY FORMAL REACTION WOULD BE LOW-KEY. VON GRAEVENITZ SAID IT WAS HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT WOULD BE ABLE TO RECEIVE PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU BEFORE 1979 BECAUSE OF HEAVY COMMITMENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS RELATED TO EC PRESIDENCY.

3. THE GERMAN ASPECT OF THE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY CONTINUED TO BUBBLE ON JULY 20 WHEN PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU SAID IN A SPEECH THAT THE NEXT DAY HE WOULD PRODUCE EVIDENCE THAT MR. KURBJUHN HAD BEEN GIVING POLICY GUIDANCE TO TURKISH CYPRIOT RADIO BAYRAK. THE PRESIDENT ALSO SAID ONE OF THE REASONS HE WOULD NEVER MEET WITH MR. DENKTASH WAS THAT THE LATTER HAD HAD CONTACT WITH MR. KURBJUHN. GOC IS, HOWEVER, MAKING SOME EFFORTS TO PREVENT DIFFERENCES WITH FRG FROM GETTING OUT OF HAND. IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS PRESIDENT EMPHASIZES THAT FRG GOVERNMENT HAS NO INVOLVEMENT IN ALLEGED CONSPIRACY, AND GOC SPOKESMAN STATED JULY 20 THAT PRESIDENT HAS INSTRUCTED FOREIGN MINISTER ROLANDIS TO MAINTAIN SMOOTH RELATIONS WITH FRG.

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